"Caddy" Mourns and the Dicky Bird Is Sad Because Francis Wilson Is to Become a 'Way=Hupper.



Frawncis and Mister Frohman, They Meets, Y' Know, in Lunnon, an' 'as a Glawss of Fog-"'Ow'd Y' Loike to Work f'r Me?" Hsks Chass, an' wi' That 'e flengoiges 'im-Ballu Rogue uy "Erminie." to Be a Hav-Oner in a Tip-Topper Troupe.

ES," said "Caddy," (for the last trace of Francis Wilson had vanished urder the deft touches of the "make-up" pencil) wen Hi 'as served my sentence—my hengoigement Hi means—at this 'ere 'ouse, Hi'll prob'ly have said ta-ta to Noo York in 'Erminie." The Dicky Bird, perched on an improvised

dothesline, twittered mournfully. "You're not going to quit the stage and estab lish libraries with the books you've bought?"

"Not on y'r Andrew," answered "Caddy." "H'im goin' to get into wot the 'way-huppers calls 'hoo henvironment.' H'im goin' to reform under the management of Mister Frohman-Chass, y

The Dicky Bird nodded.

"How and when did it happen?" "By haccident, and last summer," replied "Caddy," with comprehensive terseness. "Hi 'ad abeen hup in Scotland hoot-monnin' f'r a couple o' months. Hi thought if Hi wuz goin' to get the gawf habit Hi might as well get it right. W'en Hi'd tore hup so much sod 'at there wasn't much of Scotland left, Hi packs hup my sticks an' trots down to Lunnon. Bein' as 'ow Hi waz 'alf stranded Hi takes a stroll along the Strand, an' the fust thing Hi knows, Hi 'ears some one -a-whis'lin'. Thinkin' it wuz a bloomin' copper as wanted a word wi' me, I wuz startin' to run w'en I feels a tug at my sleeve, Hi does, and chuckin' my 'ead hover my shoulders Hi sees Mister Froh-

'Ow are y', Frawncis? 'e se ""Owdy Chass,' Hi chirps, bein' as 'ow Hi runs to habbreviashun.

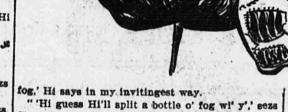
666 WOT'S y'r lay?' sezs Chass. "'H'im Strandin',' sezs me.

"'W'ich is better as stranded,' sezs "Not wantin' to obstruck traffik, Hi sezs,

Let's wet 'our w'istles,' Hi sezs, an' takin' Chass by the flipper Hi leads 'im into a 'pub,' w'ere Hi







Chass, explainin 'as 'ow 'e 'ad cultivated a hapknows a barmaid by her Bible name, wich wuz 'and she wasn't holdin' an' w'ispers in 'er shell-like

"'Will y' 'ave some wichy water, or a bottle o' "'Now,' sezs Chass w'en we 'ad breathed in a

"E puts his watch in 'is other pocket, 'e does, an takes hoff his sparker; then leanin' confidenshul across th' table 'e 'oarsely sez. ''Ow'd y' like to work f'r me?'

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"It wus so suddint Hi strangles a bit over my fog, but Hi finally manages to cough: 'Hit would make me so proud, sir, 'at Hi'd

ave to eat me meals in a privut dinin' room.' "' At's th' way Hi likes to 'ear stars talk,' sezs Chass. 'Hi knows them 'at they'se not common an' 'at they'll cause a disturbance in every 'otel w'ere they stops. Stars, to be good uns, must revive hit again, if only f'r long enough to 'av the ave temper'ment.'

"'Hof course,' he sezs. ''At's a mere detail.'

"'An' sal'ries, ' Hi suggests, smilin."

'An Hi'll give you a good part.'

VE you thought wot you'd put me in, Chass?' Hi hinquires. ""Hi 'ain't decided,' he sezs, but it won't be jail. Hit'll be in somethin' high-class. A hay-one comedy with a tip-topper company.

"'If hit's all the same to you, sir, Hi'd rather teal it," Hi sezs.

The Dicky Bird broke into blithesome song. "'No,' sezs Chass, 'stealin' is old fashioned. Hi wants to give you a change, an' the crickets a chance to write, 'Mister Wilson wuz seen in sumthin' entirely new.' The only thing you'll be allowed to steal in me show is an occashunal glance at the pretty girls at the matinees."

The Dicky Bird emitted a warning whistle. "'Hit's goin' to be hard on me, Chass,' Hi sezs,

"'Well,' sezs 'e, soft-like, 'if you finds y'r health won't be able to stand the change, you may be able to get a daylight job as a direcketor in one o' them limit corporashuns.'

" 'Thank'ee very kindly, Chass,' I sezs. 'You knows ,'uman natur', you does.' "'A man in th' show business 'as got to know

"Then' puttin' his watch back in the right pocket and stickin' 'is sparker back in 'is choker, 'e slips Rebecca a shillin', while Hi chucks 'er under th'

chin, an' gets up to go, sayin': "'Hi must go out now an' pick hup a few more Amusements.

glass uv bevridge, 'let's 'ave a comfortless little stars wot are strayin' on the Strand.'

SEVENTEEN years have passed since Francis
Wilson began playing in "Erminie," which is Wilson began playing in "Erminie," which is now having such a successful revival at the Casino. It was but natural, therefore, to ask the comedian if he did not feel regreet at shelving the piece which has won him fame and fortune.

FRANCIS WILSON

TATOOED CHARNS

Once again it was "Caddy" who turned from the ooking glass and said:

"'Deed Hi does. But Hi won't let myself believe 'at Hi'm givin' it up f'r good an', all. Hi'll allas comfort meself wi' the thought 'at some day Hi'll prime ol' pal set hup an' open hit's peopers an' ask, W'ere am I?' Hi'll never grow tired o' playin' the piece. Hi thinks as much of 'Caddie,' Hi does, "'Hi begs pardon I'r bein' so unrefined,' Hi as Joseph Jefferson thinks of 'Rip,' an' Hi 'opes the publick will allas 'av a place in hit's 'eart f'r the bally ol' rogue."

The Dicky Bird chirped a similar sentiment.

The comedian contemplated, almost with tenderness, the patched and time-stained trousers he has worn as "Caddy" since the night he first played the part.

"Au revoir," we said.

"Hover the subway," said "Caddy," rousing himself. "An' may the skin uv th' smallest gooseherry allas be big enough f'r an umbrelly f'r all y'r enemies."

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